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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/767,795  
Filed: January 29, 2004  
For: Nucleic acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants and  
Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement  
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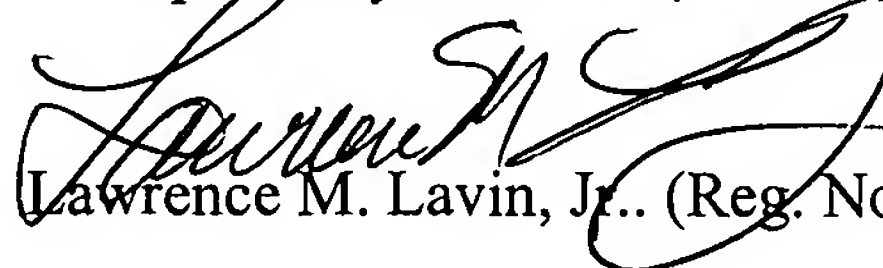
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Office (USPTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement dated 11/29/05 from PTO;
2. Certificate of mailing for response to restriction requirement action;
3. Petition for extension of time (1 month); SB/22 form;
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fees are hereby petitioned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any  
overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125, referencing matter number 38-21(53534)B.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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